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1. The Soviet faction in the Korean Labor Party, led by KIM Il-sŏng, is attempting to place responsibility for the failure of the initial North Korean attack against the ROK on the leaders of the former South Korean Labor Party (SKLP) headed by PAK Hŏn-yŏng, the North Korean vice-premier. The Soviet faction claims that the failure of PAK's group to cause the internal collapse of the ROK government was the prime factor in halting the North Korean offensive.<sup>1</sup>
2. PAK is trying to approach the Chinese Communists for aid in maintaining his position as leader of the ROK Communists. He has also instructed former SKLP leaders now in the North Korean government, namely Hŏ Hŏn, YI Kuk-no, HONG Myŏng-hi, and YI Kang-kuk to secure political support for his faction from the ROK political leaders taken north during the early North Korean Army occupation of the ROK.<sup>2</sup>
3. KIM Il-sŏng is aware of the possibility of an alliance between the SKLP faction and the Chinese Communists, but he hesitates to take action until he knows to what degree the alliance has been effected.<sup>3</sup>
4. In late July, the PAK faction began to infiltrate members into South Korea on a mission to gain control of the former SKLP members and sympathizers who remained in the ROK.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Before the war PAK promised that he could arrange for the collapse of the ROK government within two weeks after the war began. At that time PAK was working in collaboration with the North Korean State Security Bureau.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. These tactics will lead to an extensive purge of SKLP members now in North Korea.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. KIM fears that this alliance could become strong enough to force his Soviet group out of their present controlling position in the North Korean government.

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